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For: LINEAR MOTOR, MOVING STAGE)	April 20, 2004
SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS,	:	
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING)	
METHOD	:	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed Japanese patent document is also enclosed.

Japanese patent application number 2002-325421 is discussed on pages 1 and 4 of the subject specification and corresponds to published U.S. patent application number 2002/0117903.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. patent application number, which published as U.S. patent application number 2002/0117903 noted above. A copy of this application is enclosed.

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U.S. patent application number 10/079,846 has been allowed and the Issue Fee was paid on December 17, 2003. U.S. Patent No. 6,025,658 was cited during prosecution of this application.

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed to be due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

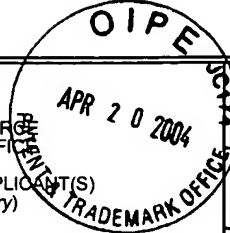
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